BIGGA courses will help you develop greenkeeping career

Some 250 greenkeepers have discovered that the BIGGA Supervisory Management training courses both at Aldwark Manor and in the Regions can provide them with skills and knowledge to make them better managers. These courses are not just for those in positions of management but also for the Head Greenkeepers and Course Managers of the future: Several City and Guilds and N/SVQ qualified greenkeepers have spoken about the excellent practical skills that have been taught on these courses. Because of the very positive feedback received, we have decided to expand the range of courses for 1996/97. Information on the Aldwark Manor five-day residential courses is described in an insert in this magazine, which also acts as an application form. These courses, where costs have been kept to 1994 levels, cover the work that would take several local courses to complete. The courses are yet another Learning Experience provided by BIGGA so apply NOW to reserve your place.

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